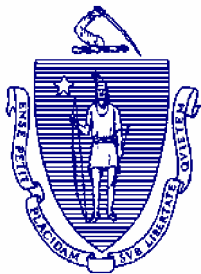


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, July 2007



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

EOPS Funding Opportunities

Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Application For Grant Funds

Application Deadline: July 20, 2007 5 P.M.

Letter of Intent Due: July 6, 2007, 5 P.M.

The Office of Grants & Research has issued an Application For Grant Funding for the 2007 Shannon Community Safety Initiative (CSI). This \$11 million grant program supports regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang and youth violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention, law enforcement approaches, prosecution and reintegration. Grants are anticipated to begin on September 17, 2007 and last for one year. For more information: www.mass.gov/eops. Click on: "2007 Shannon Grant Application for Funding" in the Key Initiatives Section.

Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Local Action Research Partnerships: Building Capacity in Funded Grant Communities

Application Deadline: July 20, 2007, 5 P.M.

To support the Shannon CSI, EOPS announces the availability of Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) grant funds to support Action Research to reduce gang crime and youth violence. Grants will be made to Local Action Research Partners (LARPs) to provide strategic, analytic, and research support to individual Shannon CSI grantees. Local Action Research Partners will serve as project advisors, and will bring analytic and data-driven approaches into the strategy development and implementation phases of the project. For more information: www.mass.gov/eops. Click on: "2007 Shannon Grant Application for Funding" in the Key Initiatives Section.

Financing the Repair, Renovation, and Construction of Municipal Police Stations

Pre-application Deadline: July 20, 2007, 5 P.M.

Governor Deval Patrick is making up to \$2 million available statewide in state capital funding for the repair, renovation, and construction of municipal police stations. This program is designed to provide municipalities with funding based on the following criteria: an assessment of fiscal and budgetary constraints facing the municipality; an analysis of the municipality's proposed budget and financing of the repair, renovation, or construction project; the municipality's need for the project; the benefits to the municipality that will result from the

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project; and an overall evaluation of the merits of the grant proposal. Any municipality in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is eligible to apply. For more information: www.mass.gov/eops. Click on: “Finance Repair/Renovation/Construction of Muni Police Stations” in the Key Initiatives Section or contact Elizabeth Spinney at 617-725-3367 with any questions, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA)

Application Deadline: August 10, 2007, 5 P.M.

The Executive Office of Public Safety announces approximately \$1.25 million of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) grant funding available for competition. The purpose of the SDFSCA is to support programs and activities that prevent violence in and around schools; prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; involve parents and communities; and coordinate with related Federal, State, school and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement. For more information: www.mass.gov/eops. Click on “2007 Safe or Drug-Free Schools Grant” in the Key Initiatives Section or contact Kevin Stanton at (617) 725-3363 with any questions.

2006-2007 Traffic Enforcement Grant Program

Application Deadline: August 13, 2007

The Highway Safety Division, a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety within the Office of Grants and Research, announces the open enrollment of high visibility traffic enforcement grants for local police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled “Click It or Ticket,” “Road Respect,” and “Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” Join more than 200 local police departments currently part of this grant program which began in December 2006 and continues through Labor Day 2007. For more information: www.mass.gov/ghsb.

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Application Deadline: July 16, 2007

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) requests proposals to replicate previous findings and conduct original research extending data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). NIJ is interested in secondary analysis to understand crime and inform criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. Research proposals should either replicate original findings or, preferably, extend research by testing new hypotheses with existing data. NIJ will give preference to research that asks compelling crime and justice questions rather than research that furthers statistical methods or technical refinement of data sets.” For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000792.pdf>

Research on Sex Offenders: Risk Prediction Models and Effectiveness of Residency and Boundary Restrictions

Application Deadline: July 16, 2007

“The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice seeks applications for funding studies of risk prediction models and the effectiveness of residency and boundary restrictions for sex offenders in the community.” For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000782.pdf>.

FY 2007 Crime Victims’ Rights Enforcement Project (Cooperative Agreement)

Application Deadline: July 30, 2007

“The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for programs that support clinics that provide legal counsel and support services for victims in criminal cases for the enforcement of crime victims’ rights in federal, state, or local jurisdictions. Organizations that provide training and technical assistance to such clinics can also be funded. The funding can be used to provide legal representation to victims of crime in an effort to enforce victims’ rights under the Crime Victims Rights Act (CVRA); education and training on the CVRA; and technical assistance, support, and training to legal clinics that provide victim services.” Eligible applicants include state and local governments; private, public, and state-controlled institutions. For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=14578>.

FY 2007 National Crime Victim Assistance Program (Cooperative Agreement)

Application Deadline: July 30, 2007

“The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications to provide support to programs that have developed a national capacity to deliver assistance to victims of crime nationwide and to strengthen the ability of local service providers and law enforcement agencies to serve victims. Only non-profits are eligible to apply. For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=14577>.

Research and Publications

Census of State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, 2004

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice released this publication which features census finding of all State and local law enforcement agencies operating in the nation. Featured in the report are the number of employees of State and local law enforcement agencies as of September 2004, including State-by-State data for sheriffs' offices, local police departments, State police and highway patrol agencies, and special jurisdiction police. [Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cslla04.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cslla04.htm).

Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2006

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice released this annual report detailing data collected from the National Prisoner Statistics counts and the Annual Survey of Jails in 2006. Highlights include the number of inmates and overall incarceration rate per 100,000 residents for each State and the Federal system. Also provided are trends since 2000, percentage changes in prison populations since midyear and yearend 2005, total numbers for prison and jail inmates by gender and race, and counts of jail inmates by conviction and confinement status. [Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/pjim06.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/pjim06.htm).

Medical Examiners and Coroners' Office, 2004

The Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice released this report which investigates findings from the 2004 Census of Medical Examiners and Coroners' (ME/C) Offices regarding the medico-legal investigation of death in the United States. The report provides a general overview of ME/C offices, including personnel, budgets and workloads, and includes data on the number of unidentified human decedents handled by ME/C offices. Record keeping procedures and use of national databases for unidentified remains are also examined. [Access full text at: http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/meco04.pdf](http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/meco04.pdf).

Factories Behind Fences: Do Prison 'Real Work' Programs Work?

The National Institute of Justice recently released this article as part of their June 2007 NIJ Journal (Issue No. 257). The article discusses findings from an NIJ-funded evaluation regarding the efficacy of Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIECP). Findings include the effect of PIECPs on post-release employment and reduction of recidivism. [Access full text at: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/jr000257.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/jr000257.pdf).

Hate Crime in America: The Debate Continues

The National Institute of Justice recently released this article as part of their June 2007 NIJ Journal (Issue No. 257). The article expounds upon a comprehensive analysis of the literature and statutes on hate crime to clarify how Federal and State legislation and programs are addressing the issue of hate crime in the United States. Topics include: the scope of the problem; laws and legislation; other responses to hate crime; current research on hate crime; and suggestions for the future. [Access full text at: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/jr000257.pdf](http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/jr000257.pdf).

Conferences and Trainings

The Essex County District Attorney's Office "Train the Trainer" Workshop July 19, 2007 in Salem, MA

The Essex County District Attorney's Office is offering a 2 hour "train the trainer" workshop on their heroin and OxyContin prevention education program, *Choose to Refuse*. The goal of this program is to help youth ages 13-18 to better understand the dangers of these drugs and learn ways to refuse them.

The training will be held from 11:00am-1:30pm; lunch and a copy of the curriculum will be provided. Please call Kate Keyes or Diane Steele by July 11 to register (978 745-6610 x 5085 or 5082).

The 2007 NIJ Conference

July 23-25, 2007 in Arlington, VA

The National Institute of Justice Conference spotlights what works, what doesn't work, and what the research shows as promising. A special track of panels will be featured this year, titled "Forensic DNA: Tools, Technology, and Policy," and will address current and future needs of DNA crime laboratories and new technological innovations. Researchers interested in criminal justice, policymakers responsible for shaping public safety or social services, practitioners in criminal justice, and students interested in criminal justice issues are invited to attend.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.html

2007 National Forum on Criminal Justice & Public Safety

July 29-31, 2007 in Chandler, AZ

This forum, presented by the National Criminal Justice Associate, the IJIS Institute, and the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), will showcase innovative programs and technologies addressing issues currently challenging law enforcement and justice practitioners in states, localities, and tribal nations. The theme this year is "*Crossing Boundaries – Strengthening the Foundations for Justice.*" For more information: <http://www.ncja.org/Content/NavigationMenu/EducationEvents/2007NationalForum/default.htm>

Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy

July 29-August 3, 2007 in Beverly, MA

The Massachusetts Victim Assistance Academy (MVAA) is a public/private partnership under the leadership of the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA), funded by the Office for Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice. The MVAA will provide victim advocates with a 5-day, 40 hour, comprehensive and truly innovative learning experience. For more information, email: Amy.Todeschini@state.ma.us

18th Annual Problem-Oriented Policing Conference

September 24-26, 2007 in Madison, WI

Sponsored by the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing, this year's conference will highlight presentations by law enforcement practitioners from the best submissions for the Herman Goldstein Award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing. Significant recent work in problem-oriented policing will also be featured. For more information: <http://www.popcenter.org/about-conference-07.htm>

8th National Conference on Preventing Crime: Helping Build Safer Communities

October 3-5, 2007 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, and the Crime Prevention Coalition of America, this conference will feature three keynote addresses and more than 65 training sessions. Topics include: crime prevention for business; partnering with government and law enforcement; promoting crime prevention and personal safety basics, protecting children and youth; leadership in crime prevention; and emerging crime trends. For more information: <http://www.ncpc.org/training/national-conference>.

Justice Research and Statistics Association 2007 National Conference

“Justice Research and Statistics: From Knowledge to Practice”

October 11-12, 2007 in Pittsburgh, PA

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, and hosted by the Center for Research, Evaluation, and Statistical Analysis, this conference is dedicated entirely to the use of statistics and research in justice-related policies and programs. The agenda includes over 20 panels on various topics including use of criminal history data, corrections, reentry, gangs, juvenile justice, and violent crime. Additional pre- and post-conference seminars will be held on evaluation methods, mapping, and forecasting. For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

Moving Together 2007

October 17, 2007 in Boston, MA

Sponsored by the Executive Office of Transportation and MassHighway, along with the Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Public Health, and the Highway Safety Division (a program of the Executive Office of Public Safety), this day-long annual statewide bicycling and walking conference will feature twelve workshops covering a range of subjects including the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, safety programs such as Safe Routes to School, and trail initiatives. For more information: contact baystate_roads@hotmail.com, or visit http://www.ecs.umass.edu/baystate_roads//mt/.

15th Annual International Research Conference

“Creating Community Justice: A Local Public Safety Imperative”

October 28-31, 2007 in San Diego, CA

Sponsored by the International Community Corrections Association, this conference addresses specific topics such as: cost effectiveness of best practices; specialty courts; offenders with mental illness; and juvenile justice. The intended audience includes agency directors, researchers, probation and parole officers, law enforcement personnel, and other industry professionals. For more information: <http://www.iccaweb.org/index.php?section=6>.

News

Patrick’s Pick for Parole Board OK’d

The Boston Globe, June 14, 2007

Parole Board nominee Officer Mark Conrad has been confirmed by the Governor’s Council earlier this month, reports the Boston Globe. Councilors have recommended that the administration expand its search for future nominees. Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/06/14/summer_initiative_targets_at_risk_youths/.

Police Tap Tipster’s Texting: Tip Line Lets Users Report Crime via Anonymous Text Message

The Boston Herald, June 15, 2007

Witnesses to crimes can now send anonymous text messages to the Boston Police from their cell phones, according to the Boston Herald. While the BPD has had a Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line for nearly 10 years, witnesses can also now text the word TIP to CRIME (27463) to alert the police without being identified. A prompt asks users to classify their tip under a certain category, such as violent crime, gang activity or drugs, and then asks users to describe aspects of the time and place of the crime. Users are asked to give identifying characteristics of suspects and are reminded to delete the text message from the sent folder on their cell phones. The texts are sent instantaneously to the Boston Police Department. Records are not kept of where the messages originated from. Access full text at: <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=1006567> and <http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=1006566>.

Delays Push Setup of Gunshot Locator Into Fall, City Says

The Boston Globe, June 23, 2007

The technologically advanced gunshot-detection system purchased recently by the City for use during the summer months will not be operational until October, reports the Boston Globe. The City and manufacturer, ShotSpotter, Inc., officials agreed that contentious contract negotiations and a lack of manpower are causing the delay. The system uses acoustic sensors to pinpoint the location of gunfire within 30 feet of its origin and thus dispatch police to shooting scenes in less than 10 seconds. [Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/06/23/delays_push_setup_of_gunshot_locator_into_fall_city_says/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2007/06/23/delays_push_setup_of_gunshot_locator_into_fall_city_says/).

Graffiti Crew Wants a Place to Call Its Own

The Boston Globe, June 24, 2007

A group of graffiti artists known as “Hater Proof Graff” have petitioned the Mayor of Brockton to allow them to set up a series of walls in some public place to be used legally for graffiti art, according to the Boston Globe. Although still viewed by the police and some property owners, local businesses have already begun to hire the group to construct murals on the sides of their buildings. The U.S. Department of Justice graffiti guide states that setting up public walls or boards for legitimate graffiti effectively cuts down on the illegal activity. [Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/06/24/graffiti_crew_wants_a_place_to_call_its_own/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/06/24/graffiti_crew_wants_a_place_to_call_its_own/).

Teenagers to Benefit from Grants

The Republican, June 26, 2007

Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke are among the 21 communities in Massachusetts to split \$1.3 million in federal grant funds for summer employment for urban youth, reports the Republican. The funds, allocated from the Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant program, provide support for cities to work with local agencies and businesses to provide job opportunities for at-risk youth between the ages of 14 to 21. [Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/republican/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-8/1182847039235830.xml&coll=1](http://www.masslive.com/republican/stories/index.ssf?/base/news-8/1182847039235830.xml&coll=1).

Announcements

Governor’s Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence

Governor Deval L. Patrick recently announced the filing of an executive order to re-establish the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence. The newly restructured Council will provide recommendations on all issues related to sexual and domestic violence in the Commonwealth. The first specific assignments of the Council, to be completed by March 31, 2008, will be to devise a guide for Massachusetts law enforcement agencies to consult when responding to a report of an adult sexual assault and to revise and update the Massachusetts Policy for Law Enforcement Responses to Domestic Violence. The Governor has appointed Sheridan Haines, currently Deputy Director at Jane Doe, Inc, to lead the Council.

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